



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TANAKA, Hisakazu et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1713

Serial No.: 10/088,107

Examiner: **Tatyana Zalukaeva**

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For. **WATER ABSORBENT MATERIAL AND ABSORBENT ARTICLE USING  
SAME**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 21, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2004 for one month, from November 26, 2004, to December 26, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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